



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

April 2, 2013

The Honorable Brad Little
President of the Senate
Idaho Legislature
Statehouse Mail
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I am transmitting today to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bill, which will be allowed to become law without my signature:

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within the time limited by law.

I support responsible efforts by the Legislature to guard against overzealous tax collections or any actions that may undermine the public's confidence in or respect for the Idaho State Tax Commission and its operations. However, the need for reasonable legislative oversight must be balanced against the legitimate needs of lawful tax collections.

There are lengthy and detailed processes in place, including opportunities for appeal, that run their course before any wage garnishment order is issued. The Tax Commission estimates that this measure limiting its tools to ensure fairness in tax payments will reduce collections from \$700,000 to \$5 million in the first year, with the impact declining significantly in succeeding years.

I understand the concerns of taxpayers, and I hope the Legislature will join me in working collaboratively with the Tax Commission to address those concerns in a manner that serves all our shared priorities. I also encourage the Legislature to carefully review the impact of this legislation and make adjustments where they are needed.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "C" and "O".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho